

*The Ordination of*  
Meredith Kadet Sanderson  
*to the Sacred Order of Deacons*

Saturday, July 10th, 10:00 a.m.  
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church  
Liverpool, New York

The Episcopal Diocese of Central New York



# The Ordination of a Deacon

*Welcome to St. Matthew's Episcopal Church! Masks are required unless you are fully vaccinated.*

*Today's offering is designated for the discretionary fund of the newly ordained. Offering plates have been placed near the front and back of the sanctuary; these will be brought to the altar during the Offertory hymn.*

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**Instrumental Prelude**    "I bind unto myself today"    *The Hymnal 1982 #370*

Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish melody; adapt. Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924); St. 6, Deirdre, Irish melody; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

*Please stand as you are able for the opening procession.*

*Bishop*            Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*            **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Presentation

*Please be seated.*

*The Presenters, standing before the Bishop, present the Ordinands, saying*

DeDe, Bishop in the Church of God, on behalf of the clergy and people of the Diocese of Central New York, we present to you Meredith Kadet Sanderson to be ordained a deacon in Christ's holy catholic Church.

*Bishop*            Has she been selected in accordance with the canons of this Church?

And do you believe her manner of life to be suitable to the exercise of this ministry?

*Presenters* We certify to you that she has satisfied the requirements of the canons, and we believe her to be qualified for this order.

*The Bishop says to the ordinand*

Will you be loyal to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of Christ as this Church has received them? And will you, in accordance with the canons of this Church, obey your bishop and other ministers who may have authority over you and your work?

*Answer*

I am willing and ready to do so; and I solemnly declare that I do believe the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, and to contain all things necessary to salvation; and I do solemnly engage to conform to the doctrine, discipline, and worship of The Episcopal Church.

*The Ordinand then signs the above Declaration in the sight of all present.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*The Bishop says to the people*

Dear friends in Christ, you know the importance of this ministry, and the weight of your responsibility in presenting Meredith Kadet Sanderson for ordination to the sacred order of deacons. Therefore if any of you know any impediment or crime because of which we should not proceed, come forward now, and make it known.

*If no objection is made, the Bishop continues*

Is it your will that Meredith be ordained a deacon?

*People* **It is.**

*Bishop* Will you uphold her in this ministry?

*People* **We will.**

*Bishop* In peace let us pray to the Lord.

The Litany for Ordinations

*The Hymnal 1982 S-390*

*Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

*Cantor* *People*

God the Fa - ther, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

God the Son, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

God the Holy Spir - it, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

Holy Trini - ty, one God, Have mer - cy on us.

*Cantor* *People*

We pray to you, Lord Christ. Lord, hear our prayer.

*Cantor*

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming,

*People*

we pray to you, O Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

Setting: Ver. *Hymnal 1982*.  
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*Cantor* For all members of your church in their vocation and ministry, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, that they may be filled with your love, may hunger for truth, and may thirst after

righteousness, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Meredith, chosen deacon in your Church, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That she may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit she may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For her family, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those in positions of public trust, that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**



boy;’ for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.” Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth.”

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 84

How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*

**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*

**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*

**they will always be praising you.**

Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*

**for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

They will climb from height to height, \*

**and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*

**hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Behold our defender, O God; \*

**and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*

**and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
**he will give grace and glory;**

No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
**from those who walk with integrity.**

O LORD of hosts, \*  
**happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 4:1-6*

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

*Luke 22:24-27*

*Please stand as you are able.*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who

serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

*The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## The Examination

*All are seated except the ordinand, who stands before the Bishop.*

*The Bishop addresses the ordinand as follows*

My sister, every Christian is called to follow Jesus Christ, serving God the Father, through the power of the Holy Spirit. God now calls you to a special ministry of servanthood directly under your bishop. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are to serve all people, particularly the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely.

As a deacon in the Church, you are to study the Holy Scriptures, to seek nourishment from them, and to model your life upon them. You are to make Christ and his redemptive love known, by your word and example, to those among whom you live, and work, and worship. You are to interpret to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world. You are to assist the bishop and priests in public worship and in the ministration of God's Word and Sacraments, and you are to carry out other duties assigned to you from time to time. At all times, your life and teaching are to show Christ's people that in serving the helpless they are serving Christ himself.

My sister, do you believe that you are truly called by God and God's Church to the life and work of a deacon?

*Answer*        I believe I am so called.

Do you now in the presence of the Church commit yourself to this trust and responsibility?

*Answer*        I do.

Will you respect and be guided by the pastoral direction and leadership of your bishop?

*Answer* I will.

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures?

*Answer* I will.

Will you look for Christ in all others, being ready to help and serve those in need?

*Answer* I will.

Will you do your best to pattern your life and that of your family in accordance with the teachings of Christ, so that you may be a wholesome example to all people?

*Answer* I will.

Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Christ?

*Answer* I will.

May the Lord by his grace uphold you in the service he lays upon you.

*Answer* Amen.

## The Consecration of the Deacon

*All now stand except the ordinand, who kneels facing the Bishop.*

**Consecration Hymn** “Veni Sancte Spiritus” *Wonder, Love and Praise #832*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Veni Sancte Spiritus". It consists of two staves, a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus." are written below the notes. The score begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

*Cantor*

1. Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, from heav - en shine forth  
with your glo - rious light. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

2. Come from the four winds, O Spir - it, come breath of God; dis -  
perse the shad - ows ov - er us, re - new and strength - en your  
peo - ple. Ve - ni San - cte Spi - ri - tus.

*Translation: Come, Holy Spirit.*

*A period of silent prayer follows, the people still standing.*

*The Bishop then says this Prayer of Consecration*

O God, most merciful Father, we praise you for sending your Son Jesus Christ, who took on himself the form of a servant, and humbled himself, becoming obedient even to death on the cross. We praise you that you have highly exalted him, and made him Lord of all; and that, through him, we know that whoever would be great must be servant of all. We praise you for the many ministries in your Church, and for calling this your servant to the order of deacons.

*Here the Bishop lays hands upon the head of the ordinand, and prays*

Therefore, Father, through Jesus Christ your Son, give your Holy Spirit to Meredith; fill her with grace and power, and make her a deacon in your Church.

Make her, O Lord, modest and humble, strong and constant, to observe the discipline of Christ. Let her life and teaching so reflect your commandments, that

through her many may come to know you and love you. As your Son came not to be served but to serve, may this deacon share in Christ's service, and come to the unending glory of him who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*The People in a loud voice respond*      **Amen.**

*The new deacon is now vested according to the order of deacons.*

*The Bishop then gives a Bible to the newly ordained, saying*  
Receive this Bible as the sign of your authority to proclaim God's Word and to assist in the ministration of the holy Sacraments.

## The Peace

*The Bishop then says to the congregation*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

## The Offertory

*Bishop*      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Today's offering will go to the discretionary fund of the newly ordained.*

## Offertory Music (Instrumental)

“Seek ye first the kingdom”

*The Hymnal 1982 #711*

*Words and Music by Karen Lafferty. Arr. Vincent Johns-Lee.*

## The Great Thanksgiving      *Eucharistic Prayer 2, Enriching Our Worship*

*Bishop*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

**Sanctus**

*The Hymnal 1982 S-130*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of vocal and piano parts. The vocal line is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the second and third lines. The third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and single notes.

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mary the Apostle, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### The Breaking of the Bread

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982 S-164*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The image shows a musical score for a Fraction Anthem. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us." and "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement in the right hand.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world;  
 give us your peace, give us your peace.

*Bishop* This altar is not ours, it is the Lord's.

So come to this altar you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more. You who have been here often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.

Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

### Communion Music (Instrumental)

“Take my life and let it be” *The Hymnal 1982 #707*

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879). Tune: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

“I am the bread of life” *The Hymnal 1982 #335*

Tune: Bread of Life by Suzanne Toolan. Arr. Mark Hayes

*Bishop and People*

**Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us faithful servants for the ministry of your Word and Sacraments. We pray that Meredith may be to us an effective example in word and action, in love and patience, and in holiness of life. Grant that we, with him, may serve you**

now, and always rejoice in your glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Bishop* Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

*People* **The maker of heaven and earth.**

*Bishop* Blessed be the Name of the Lord.

*People* **From this time forth forevermore.**

*Bishop* The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### Recessional Hymn

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *The Hymnal 1982 #618 v. 1 and 4*

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - apts, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Larris Riley (1858-1945) Music: *Luxuriosa est* from *Aus der alten katholischen Geistlichen Kirchengesang*, 1623; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Words, Music: Copyright © by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

*New Deacon* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude “Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore Him”**

Tune: Hyfrydol by Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887). Arr. Mary McDonald.

*Please join us in the Parish Hall for a reception following the service.*

## Worship Leaders

*Celebrant*           The Rt. Rev. Dr. DeDe Duncan-Probe  
Bishop of Central New York

*Deacon*             The Rev. Charles Stewart

*Presenters*         The Rev. Paul Frolick  
Ms. Gail Jones  
The Rev. Canon Carrie Schofield-Broadbent  
Ms. Carol Trout

*Lectors*            Mr. Leon Carapetyan  
Ms. Courtenay McKeon

*Vesters*            Mr. Christopher Carter Sanderson

*Oblationers*       Ms. Sarah Alamond  
Ms. Kathy Dengler  
Ms. Cathy Hobart

*Organist*           Mr. Vincent Johns-Lee

*Cantor*             Br. Aidan Owen, OHC

*Livestream*         Mr. Henry Wakefield  
*Producer*

*Zoom Host &*        Ms. Sarah Alamond  
*Digital Usher*

*Deepest thanks to all who have loved, prayed for, and supported Meredith on her journey.*